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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR AMERICAN STUDENT

1. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY HAS REQUESTED CU/AF AND POST ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING AN ACADEMIC AFFILIATION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENT LEARTHEN DORSEY WITH BUTARE UNIVERSITY FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1976-77. DORSEY HAS FULL FUNDING FROM FORD FOUNDATION (WHICH REQUIRES ACADEMIC RELATIONSHIP) TO RESEARCH SOCIAL CHANGES FROM 1930 TO INDEPENDENCE FOSTERED BY COLONIAL INTRODUCTION OF CASH COFFEE CROP. HE DOES NOT WISH TO TAKE COURSES OR TEACH.

2. DORSEY, WHO SPEAKS RELATIVELY FLUENT FRENCH, HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO RECTOR ASKING FOR AFFILIATION "POUR PROFITER D'UNE AMBIANCE ACADEMIQUE ENTRE DES PROFESSEURS QUE (SIC) PUISSENT M'AIDER AVEC LEURS COUSEILS." HE PLANS TO STUDY KINYARWANDA IN BRUSSELS BEFORE TRAVELING TO RWANDA BECAUSE A KEY FACET OF HIS RESEARCH WILL BE TO INTERVIEW TRADITIONAL COFFEE FORMERS.

3. CU/AF DESK OFFICER HAS ADVISED HIM THAT ACCEPTABLE KINYARWANDA COMPETENCE CANNOT BE QUICKLY ACQUIRED, THAT

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BOTH GOR AND INDIVIDUAL RWANDAN PEASANTS WILL VIEW ANY IN-

FORMAL INTERVIEW ATTEMPTS WITH SUSPICION, AND THAT THIS
SEGMENT OF RESEARCH MUST BE CLOSLY COORDINATED WITH GOR
AND UNIVERSITY.

5. REQUEST ASAP POST'S ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITY OF
AFFILIATION AND CHANCES FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
RESEARCH.

6. COPY OF PROPOSAL BEING POUCHED. DORSEY WELCOMES POST'S
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MOST EFFECTIVE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY.
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